

HEY, WE'RE IN



RIGHT: Daryl Somers in Hey Hey: The Movie. Stars include Rhonda Burchmore, above with Daryl, and Red Symons, below with blacked up John Blackman.



Daryl, Ossie and team hit the box office. Will it ever recover?

DARYL SOMERS, riding high on the ratings success of the Best Of Red Faces, is embroiled in a detective mystery.

After a quick trip to Movie World on the Gold Coast — working up to 19 hours a day — Daryl and his team have produced Hey Hey: The Movie, which will go to air on June 15.

The movie, written by Daryl, Russell Gilbert and Trevor Marmalade, is inspired by the 50th anni-

versary of the Humphrey Bogart classic Casablanca.

Daryl is not pretending, however, that the Hey Hey team has produced something of Academy Award-winning potential.

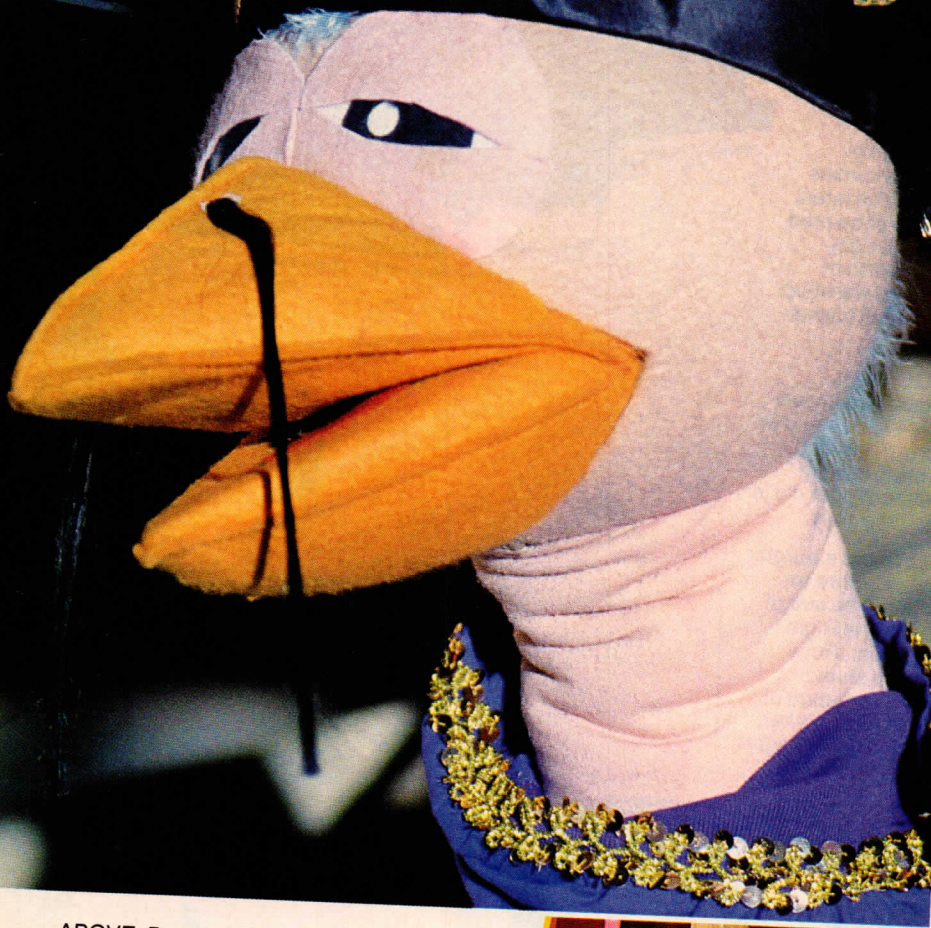
"I play Rick Shaw, a detective in the Fifties and the movie industry is crumbling because of the evil-doings of a character known as Ossie Fu Manchu," Daryl explains.

"His henchmen, by the way, strongly resemble Wilbur (Wilde) and Red (Symons).

"It's a rather nonsensical plot but it's a lot of fun. And everyone from the team is in it — including about 50 extras.



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movie's Monday timeslot.

"As we were doing the film, we had the same feeling we had while doing the Best Of Red Faces," Daryl says.

"It all came together so well."

The ratings of Hey Hey and the Best Of Red Faces are, for Daryl, an immense source of satisfaction.

"This is one time in my life I have felt so good to be here (Nine) because we have put a lot of hard work into making good shows," Daryl says. "The network has seen that Somers Carroll (the company he runs with partner, Ernie Carroll) is capable of producing something outside of Hey Hey that can rate well."

Is there a possibility of The Best Of Red Faces, Part II?

"Maybe later in the year," Daryl says. "There are lots of people who missed the first one and others who want to see it again. There's a lot of hard work to do if we want to produce another one."

Other plans include a Hey Hey program from the Northern Territory (to air on July 18) and at least one more Hey Hey It's Hollywood special, coinciding with the show's 21st birthday later in the year.

Darren Devlyn

ABOVE: Detective Daryl with Ossie Fu Manchu. Wilbur Wilde (right) plays one of Ossie's henchmen.

"We filmed for a week at Movie World, so it's been put together in an incredibly short time.

"They were very long filming days, working from around 6 am and not getting back to our hotel until two or three the following morning.

"We didn't get that much sleep.

"It's one of the fastest movies ever made and the network is genuinely surprised at the outcome... resulting in the great timeslot.

"I've had the idea for this buzzing around in my head since we were first approached to do Hey Hey out of Movie World last year.

"It's an amazing facility and we've used most areas of the park in the film."



Originally, the movie was to be shown as part of Hey Hey It's Saturday. But as Daryl and the team completed the short feature, they believed it had the potential to stand alone.

The ratings for the Red Faces special (38 in Melbourne, 32 in Sydney) also played a part in the

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